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Survey
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Dear Cattle Feeders:

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**Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings and Other Disappearance,
1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States, 2007-2008**

State	August 1 Number on Feed ¹			July Placements			July Marketings			July Other Disappearance ²		
	2007	2008	<u>2008</u> 2007	2007	2008	<u>2008</u> 2007	2007	2008	<u>2008</u> 2007	2007	2008	<u>2008</u> 2007
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent
Arizona	341	357	105	32	37	116	33	35	106	1	1	100
California	540	515	95	51	45	88	54	48	89	2	2	100
Colorado	870	750	86	115	105	91	175	170	97	10	5	50
Idaho	205	180	88	35	29	83	49	48	98	1	1	100
Iowa	500	475	95	64	51	80	73	75	103	1	1	100
Kansas	2,100	2,010	96	430	440	102	450	500	111	20	10	50
Nebraska	1,910	1,920	101	350	320	91	480	440	92	10	10	100
New Mexico	129	164	127	12	32	267	14	21	150	1	1	100
Oklahoma	305	290	95	48	46	96	67	55	82	1	1	100
South Dakota	175	170	97	22	21	95	42	35	83	2	1	50
Texas	2,780	2,590	93	390	460	118	470	520	111	10	10	100
Washington	144	133	92	27	32	119	32	38	119	1	1	100
Other States	300	315	105	46	43	93	60	57	95	1	1	100
United States	10,299	9,869	96	1,622	1,661	102	1,999	2,042	102	61	45	74

¹ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

² Includes death loss, movement from feedlots to pastures, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

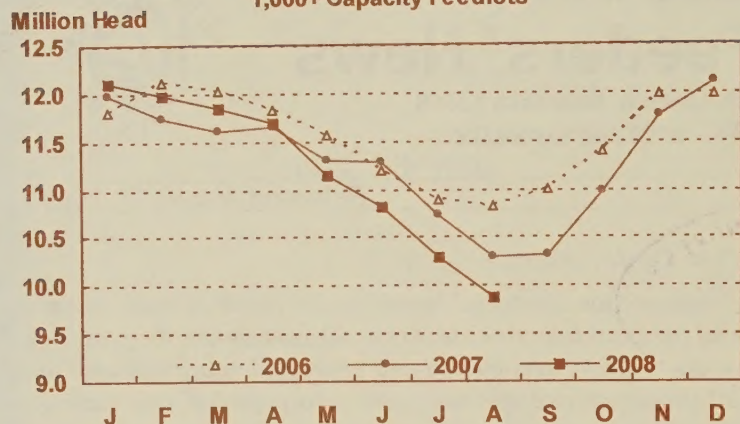
Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed, August 22, 2008

**Cattle on Feed: Number Placed on Feed by Weight Group, 1,000+ Capacity
Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States, 2007-2008**

State	During July									
	Under 600		600-699		700-799		800 Plus		Total	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	1,000 Head									
Colorado	15	15	20	20	35	30	45	40	115	105
Kansas	75	70	90	90	140	155	125	125	430	440
Nebraska	55	40	60	50	90	90	145	140	350	320
Texas	110	130	100	110	115	130	65	90	390	460
Other States	105	105	42	50	65	71	125	110	337	336
United States	360	360	312	320	445	476	505	505	1,622	1,661

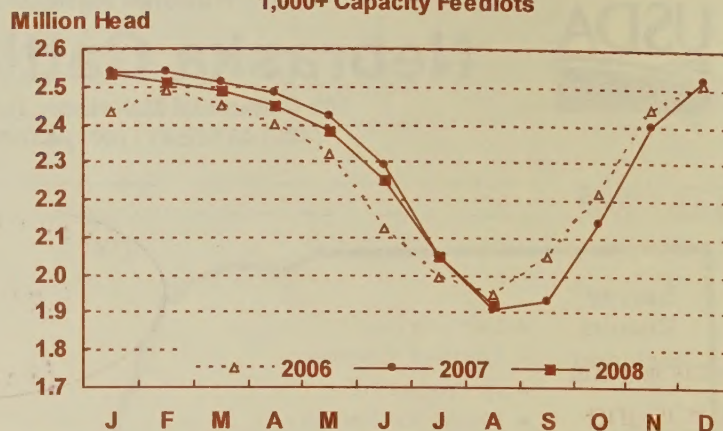
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**United States Cattle on Feed
1,000+ Capacity Feedlots**



Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office

**Nebraska Cattle on Feed
1,000+ Capacity Feedlots**



Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office

Federally Inspected Red Meat Production: United States¹

Class	Jul 2007	Jun 2008	Jul 2008	Jul 08 % of		Jan-Jul ²		
				Jul 2007	Jun 2008	2007	2008	08 as % of 07
	Million Pounds	Million Pounds	Million Pounds	Percent	Percent	Million Pounds	Million Pounds	Percent
Beef	2,228.6	2,234.2	2,341.9	105	105	14,940.2	15,432.3	103
Veal	10.5	11.5	12.1	115	105	84.4	79.3	94
Pork	1,644.9	1,747.9	1,837.4	112	105	12,087.4	13,367.5	111
Lamb & Mutton	12.8	12.5	13.0	102	103	102.5	98.6	96
Total Red Meat ³	3,896.8	*4,006.1	4,204.3	108	105	27,214.4	28,977.7	106

* Revised. ¹Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter. ²Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data. ³ Totals may not equal sum of the parts due to rounding.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter August 22, 2008

Classification of Livestock Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection: United States

Item	Jul 2007	Jun 2008	Jul 2008	Jan-Jul ¹		Jul 2007	Jun 2008	Jul 2008	Jan-Jul ¹	
	2007	2008	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2008	2007	2008
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	Percent of Total
Class²										
Cattle										
Steers	1,556	1,553	1,580	10,179	10,273	54.4	53.3	52.4	52.0	51.2
Heifers	842	820	861	5,858	5,947	29.4	28.2	28.5	29.9	29.6
All Cows	416	485	520	3,227	3,499	14.6	16.7	17.2	16.5	17.4
Dairy Cows	180	181	209	1,419	1,468	6.3	6.2	6.9	7.2	7.3
Other Cows	236	304	311	1,808	2,031	8.3	10.5	10.3	9.2	10.1
Bulls & Stags	45	53	57	312	347	1.6	1.8	1.9	1.6	1.7
Total ¹	2,860	2,912	3,017	19,576	20,066	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Calves & Vealers	62	74	87	444	511	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows & Gilts	8,008	8,458	9,025	57,864	64,049	96.3	96.1	96.3	96.4	96.4
Sows	266	305	305	1,894	2,088	3.2	3.5	3.3	3.2	3.1
Stags & Boars	38	37	43	281	278	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.4
Total ¹	8,312	8,800	9,373	60,039	66,415	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature Sheep	9	11	11	65	70	4.9	5.9	5.5	4.5	5.0
Lambs & Yrlings	182	170	183	1,388	1,328	95.1	94.1	94.5	95.5	95.0
Total ¹	191	181	193	1,453	1,399	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

¹Total and percentages based on unrounded data. ² Species totals and classification reported by meat inspectors, Inspection Operations, FSIS.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter August 22, 2008

By Product Value Per 1000 Pound Steer

By-Product	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	July 2008
<i>Dollars per head</i>									
Butt-branded hide	53.82	57.68	55.31	56.63	55.86	54.86	58.49	61.06	57.95
Liver	2.19	2.61	1.99	2.60	1.78	1.43	1.62	1.98	4.05
Tongue	6.14	6.68	7.34	8.44	3.74	3.58	4.13	4.28	5.79
Heart	.72	1.01	.79	.95	1.03	1.37	.70	.55	2.36
Cheeks	1.61	1.79	1.53	2.02	2.22	2.35	1.99	2.37	3.04
Tripe Sc	1.79	1.38	.97	1.53	2.00	1.98	1.90	2.26	2.25
Tallow, Edible	1.74	2.05	2.23	3.05	2.95	2.86	2.79	4.63	7.37
Tallow, Inedible	4.57	5.28	5.94	8.08	7.88	7.69	7.41	12.24	20.82
Meat Scraps	2.88	2.73	2.72	3.23	3.08	2.70	2.49	3.73	6.50
Total 9 Selected Items	75.46	81.20	78.82	86.54	80.54	78.81	81.52	93.11	110.11
Total Value	87.96	93.95	91.59	100.62	91.32	89.56	92.27	105.48	123.36

Source: Livestock Marketing Information Center

U.S. Meats Supply and Use

Item	Supply				Use			
	Beginning stocks	Produc- tion ¹	Imports	Total supply	Exports	Ending stocks	Consumption	
							Total	Per capita ^{2 3}
Million pounds ⁴								
Beef:								
2007	630	26,523	3,052	30,205	1,434	630	28,141	65.2
2008 Proj. Aug.	630	26,790	2,552	29,972	1,725	600	27,647	63.5
2009 Proj. Aug.	600	26,652	2,835	30,087	1,915	600	27,572	62.7
Pork:								
2007	514	21,962	968	23,444	3,141	536	19,767	50.8
2008 Proj. Aug.	536	23,575	862	24,973	5,406	630	18,937	48.2
2009 Proj. Aug.	630	23,044	850	24,524	5,100	630	18,794	47.4
Total red meat ⁵ :								
2007	1,166	48,817	4,223	54,206	4,585	1,186	48,436	117.5
2008 Proj. Aug.	1,186	50,691	3,603	55,480	7,140	1,254	47,086	113.1
2009 Proj. Aug.	1,254	50,023	3,873	55,150	7,027	1,254	46,869	111.5
Broilers:								
2007	732	35,739	61	36,532	5,904	719	29,909	85.0
2008 Proj. Aug.	719	36,596	67	37,382	6,562	680	30,140	84.9
2009 Proj. Aug.	680	36,297	68	37,045	6,275	690	30,080	84.0
Turkeys:								
2007	218	5,880	10	6,108	547	261	5,300	17.5
2008 Proj. Aug.	261	6,115	12	6,387	623	285	5,479	18.0
2009 Proj. Aug.	285	5,966	12	6,263	635	285	5,343	17.4
Total poultry ⁶ :								
2007	956	42,117	75	43,147	6,618	982	35,548	103.7
2008 Proj. Aug.	982	43,268	82	44,331	7,316	967	36,048	104.3
2009 Proj. Aug.	967	42,788	83	43,837	7,060	977	35,800	102.6
Red meat & poultry:								
2007	2,122	90,934	4,298	97,354	11,202	2,168	83,984	221.2
2008 Proj. Aug.	2,168	93,959	3,685	99,811	14,456	2,221	83,134	217.4
2009 Proj. Aug.	2,221	92,811	3,956	98,987	14,087	2,231	82,669	214.1

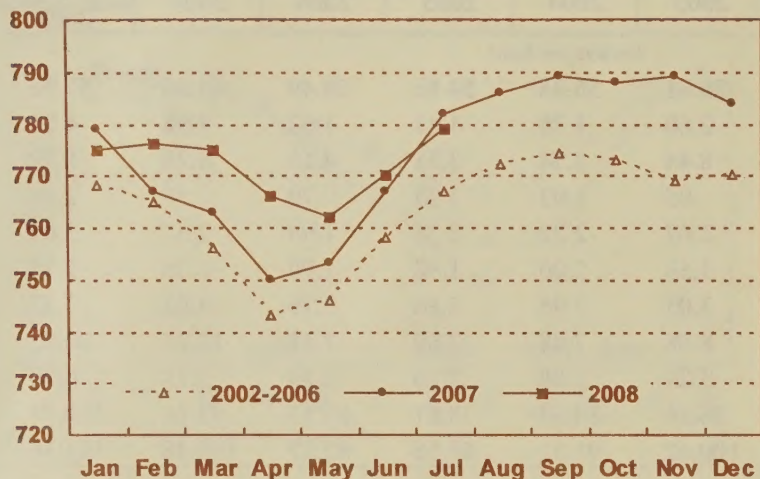
¹Total including farm production for red meats and, for poultry, federally inspected plus non-federally inspected, less condemnations.

²Pounds, retail-weight basis. ³Population source: Dept. of Commerce, Census Bureau. ⁴Carcass weight for red meats and certified ready-to-cook weight for poultry. ⁵Beef, pork, veal, lamb and mutton. ⁶Broilers, turkeys and mature chicken.

Source: USDA, World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates August 12, 2008

U.S. Cattle Carcass Weights Federally Inspected

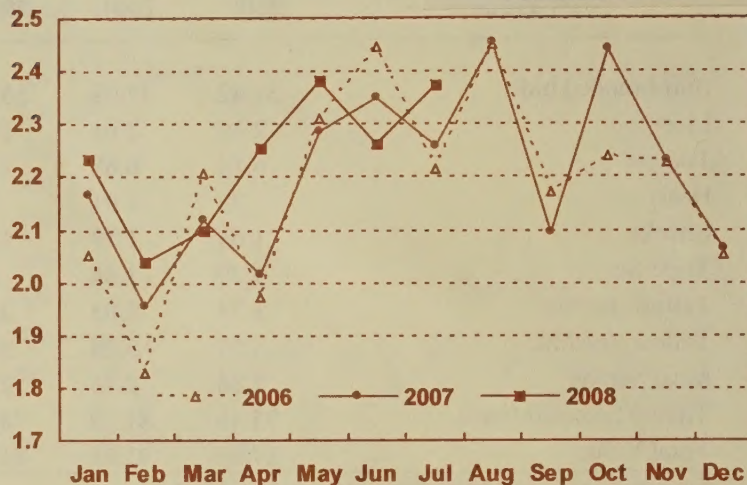
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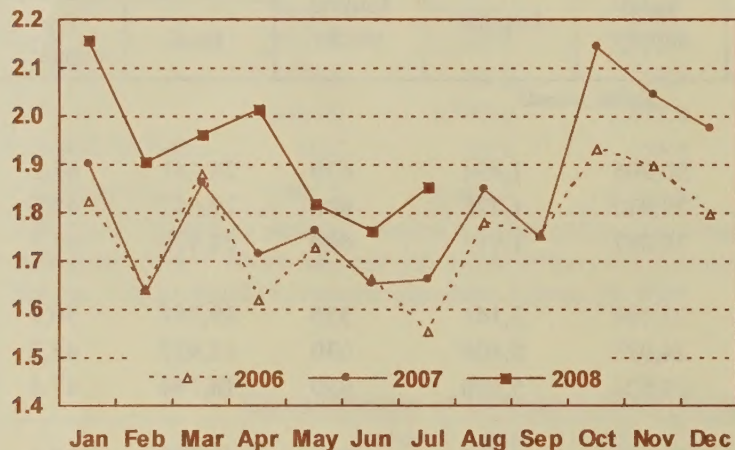
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U.S. Commercial Pork Production

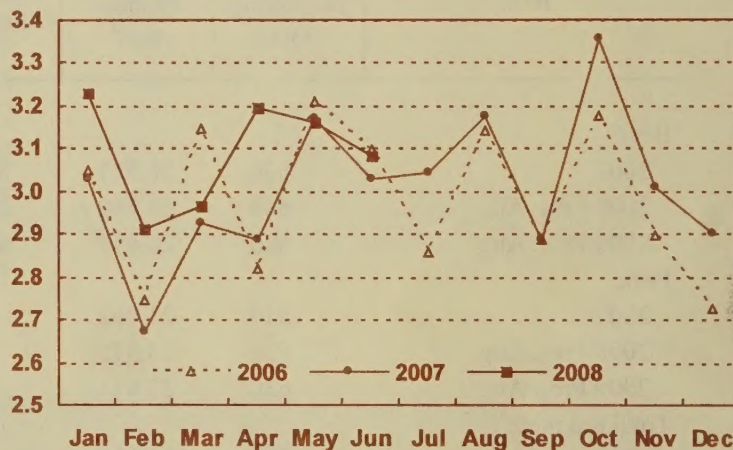
Million lbs.



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U.S. Certified Broiler Slaughter

Million lbs.



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